

3 weeks to go until Europe Unlimited unveils the selected 30 Game Changers to pitch at the European Venture Contest Energy in Horsens, Denmark.

Last chance to apply for a presentation slot expires on August 18, 2013. What new business ideas will aid us in modernizing our energy supply?

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The European Venture Contest Energy (EVC Energy) has established itself as a specialized energy venture forum of about 100 attendees mainly split into two halves - entrepreneurs and investors. 30 VC's and CVC's from all over Europe travel to Horsens, situated in the middle of the Danish peninsula, Jutland, to discover 30 emerging companies who have made it their mission to change the world with their formulae for energy revolution.

This year, the 2nd edition of EVC Energy will take place on October 10. It is an initiative of Europe Unlimited and is supported by hosts, INSERO, Invest in Denmark, City of Aarhus; and partners, City of Horsens and the Confederation of Danish Industry (DI). Europe Unlimited has already received more than 36 qualified applications from CEOs based in Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Serbia, Sweden, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Latvia and the United States. Yet, it has been decided to extend the deadline till August 18, so that more promising start-ups have the chance to compete for the 30 presentation slots.

Interested companies can sign up before August 18th at www.e-unlimited.com/evcenergy

Some Interesting Facts about EVC Energy:

ROMO Wind, a Swiss start-up with a Danish founder, Soren Mourtisen was one of the award winners in the last year's edition of EVC Energy. ROMOWind continued along the European Venture Contest (www.e-unlimited.com/evc) and pitched at the European Venture Summit (www.e-unlimited.com/evs) and won it. In April 2013, ROMO Wind raised €4.8m from Yellow&Blue Investment Management, ABB Technology Ventures and b-to-v Partners. Award Winner from European Venture Summit 2010, MetGen raised further growth capital from Emerald Technology Ventures's new fund, Emerald Cleantech Fund III.

Emerald Cleantech Fund III, which made its first investment in MetGen, was closed at EUR100 million in December 2012 after MAHLE, Evonik and Cofisa joined existing investors including ABB, Clariant, Sulzer and family offices. Point to be noted here is that, Philipp Hasler from Emerald Technology Ventures, Alexander Baum from Evonik Industries, and Kai Engelhardt from MAHLE, have all confirmed their attendance to the EVC Energy as members of the investor jury.

EVC Energy investor jury will also include Joost Waeterloos from Dow Chemical, ranked 6th; and Heribert Uhl from Robert Bosch Venture Capital, ranked 9th among the 118 most influential venturing units in the

industrial sector according to Global Corporate Venturing's March 2013 issue. Tore Sylvester Jeppesen from SEED Capital, rated Europe's 2nd most active investor by Dow Jones VentureSource for having made 13 new investments in the last quarter of 2012, will also be reviewing the company pitches and giving strategic feedback.

Event Format:

At the daylong contest on October 10, in Vitus Bering Innovation Park, presenting companies will have up to 8 minutes each to convince a panel of investors about their innovations, scalability and business potential. Furthermore, marathon networking and idea sharing will go on beyond the breakout rooms, over coffee in the corridors, and lunch in the atrium. There will be a rather hands-on and informal setting to improve collaboration, innovation and prosperity for everyone.

On the evening of October 9th, all the entrepreneurs and investors will get together in FÆNGSLET - The Prison Museum for a warm adventurous welcome and walking dinner.

European Venture Contest & European Venture Summit

The Award Winners (Top 25%) of the EVC Energy will qualify to continue along the European Venture Contest (www.e-unlimited.com/evc), a pan-European contest of venture events that gathers the best of each edition to join the European Venture Summit (www.e-unlimited.com/evs), Europe's largest venture capital match-making event with over 120 active investors and 120 award winners from all Europe Unlimited's regional and sector focused events, in December 2013. In addition to that, the award winners will get direct access to Nordic Venture Forum (www.e-unlimited.com/evchealthtech) in November 2013.

About the Organiser

Founded in 1998, Europe Unlimited (www.e-unlimited.com) is a private Belgium-based champion in entrepreneurship support. Europe Unlimited is the organization behind the International Venture Club (www.iventureclub.com), a global collaborative network of independent, corporate and institutional investors; the TechTour (www.techtour.com), Europe's leading platform for growth stage entrepreneurs and investors; and several other pan-European initiatives (www.e-unlimited.com/events/list-upcoming.aspx) in collaboration with regional and national development bodies and the European Commission.

In 2012, 850+ applications were reviewed online by investors, 500+ startups pitched and 130 made it to the Final of the European Venture Contest and the European Venture Summit 2012. To date, Europe Unlimited helped SMEs raise more than Euro €1.5 billion and promoted more than 2,500 entrepreneurs.

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